INTRODUCTION:

New claim 20 is added herein. Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a print module frame directly adjacent the paper feed module frame. The Examiner relies upon the casing 10 of Terao as corresponding to the claimed print module frame. The Examiner relies upon the guide plate 5 and the unnumbered element opposite the guide plate 5 as corresponding to the claimed paper feed module frame. However, the roller 6 is between the casing 10 and the guide plate 5/unnumbered element. Thus, the casing 10 and the guide plate 5/unnumbered element are not adjacent each other.

Independent claims 4, 7, 10 and 14 recite somewhat similar features. The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies in Terao.

New claim 20 is patentable over the cited references at least due to its dependency from claim 1.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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